

IMPORTANT DEVELOPMENTS WITH REGARD TO DEPARTMENT OF PENSION & PENSIONERS' WELFARE FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH, 2021

1. Meeting of the Parliamentary Committee on Welfare of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes was held on 18.03.2021 at 15.00 hrs. at Main Committee Room, Ground Floor, Parliament House Annexe, New Delhi). The then Secretary (Pension) appeared before the Committee.
2. To commemorate 75 years of India's Independent "Bharat ka Amrut Mahotsav", DoPPW has started a series on "75 Important Rules related to family pension" with a view to creating awareness among elderly pensioners/family pensioners through social media.
3. Central Civil Service (Implementation of National Pension System) Rules, 2021, for regulating the service matters relating to benefits for Central Government employees under the National Pension System (NPS), have been notified on 30.03.2021.
4. The time schedule stipulated in the Department of Pension and Pensioners' Welfare OM No. 57/04/2019-P&PW(B), dated 17.02.2020, giving one time option to Government servants, in whose case selection for recruitment was completed before 01.01.2004 against the vacancies occurred on or before 31.12.2003 for coverage under old pension scheme in place of NPS, has been extended vide this Department's OM of even No. dated 31.03.2021. This has been done to provide another opportunity to Central Govt Employees who were not able to give their option due to Covid-19 pandemic lock-down.
5. The Department of Pensions brought out a Clickable Digital Rule Booklet of the important Rules/Instructions to help Pensioners retrieve important instructions of the Department. The same is available on the Department's website now.
6. Department of Pension and Pensioners' Welfare issued instructions to all Ministries/Departments for timely payment of retirement benefits to the retiring employees vide its O.M dated 09.03.2021. This O.M inter-alia requests Heads of Organizations and Departments to review progress of pension cases of all the employees, who are due for retirement in the subsequent six months and take proactive action whenever processing of any pension case is found to be behind schedule.

7. A training session, through Video conferencing, was organized on Bhavishya for the officials of central government civil departments and CAPFs.